

City of Takoma Park

**THE MONTGOMERY COLLEGE NEIGHBORS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Agenda

DATE: Tuesday, March 28, 2006
TIME: 6:00
LOCATION: Provost's Conference Room, Provost's Office at the corner of
Takoma and New York Avenues

1. Call to Order
2. Review/Adopt Minutes
3. Campus Update
4. Subcommittee Reports
 - Facilities Master Plan Subcommittee
 - Subcommittee to identify character of area streets
5. Discussion of Facilities Master Plan
6. Meeting Dates
 - Set date and time for next meeting (s)
7. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2006

The City of Takoma Park Montgomery College Neighbors Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, March 28, 2006 in the Provost's Office Conference Room on the Montgomery College Campus, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Members Present:	Arlene Markowicz, Richard Weil, Morelyn Weisman, Kathy Jentz, Lorraine Pearsall, Paul Chrostowski, James Evans, Sally Brucker, Bernard Aronson, Stacy Gurian-Sherman,
Members Absent:	
Staff Present:	Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner
Others Present:	Brad Stewart, Provost, Howard Stanley, Director of Facilities, Jennie Wells, Dean of Students, Joy Austin-Lane, Councilmember, David Capp, Chief Facilities Officer, John McLean

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

2. Minutes

The minutes were unanimously adopted with a minor revision.

3. Campus Update

The Commons renovations are partially funded by the state. The College has not yet decided if it will proceed with partial funding.

New York Avenue design drawings have been approved at the state level and designers are working the final design. The project is slightly behind schedule and this may impact the completion date of construction.

Q: Are there plans to reseed grass? College will see after the spring what may be done.

Bricks: Donors of \$125 receive their name on a brick – contact Jennie Wells.

At the move date for the Student Services Center there will be an Ice Cream Social for officials on the Fenton side.

4. Subcommittee Report

Facilities Master Plan Subcommittee: The Committee met twice, on 2/16 and 3/24, see notes from meetings.

Q: Could a traffic study based on future enrollment be placed in the future FMP?

Brad – our enrollment will grow but maybe not in expected traffic ways; e.g. expect more and more shares of students to use bus from other campuses and metro stations. We are trying to stretch out classes to maximize use of all parking spaces, for instance 9-1 M-Thurs the parking garage is full. We are seeing more and more use of the web and distance learning where students are rarely on campus. The Campus can't handle more cars – we will build only one more garage with 330 spaces and that is it for parking.

Fine arts will not generate much parking, but will also have underground parking.

East side parking spaces mentioned in the FMP still exist. The King Street garage will be 340, and then there will be 50 spaces inside the Arts School. Surface parking on King Street is uncertain but will be approximately 75-78 spaces. The clinic has also reserved spaces. Some day in the future may have additional building on the site which will probably have underground parking. The Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce is also looking at public parking. The College goal is to have the fine arts building compliment area retail uses.

Parking analysis conducted by Denisen & Associates have an inventory of parking and have a # of students and expected growth. Currently 40% of students use mass transit.

This side of the campus parking is full. The West side extra spaces are expected to be full because of expanding medical students and fine arts. The analysis advises the College to run shuttles between Takoma Park and Silver Spring to up the share of students using mass transit. We also need to better allocate spaces. We are hiring a parking manager and will be emphasizing mass transit. Not that the campus may need a shuttle bay at the Takoma Metro station.

Traffic Calming: Generally studies are done when a new building is in the review stage. We will be doing one for the parking garage and are doing a study regarding the light on Blair Drive to allow vehicles to enter the campus. This study is part of Mandatory Referral at MNCPPC. The study will look primarily at Georgia Avenue.

Building renovations do not require traffic studies.

Q: What type of traffic calming discussion would be in a FMP update?

The FMP will look at enrollment. The FMP will not get underway until next summer. The development of the physical plan will revisit some of the uses buildings such as departments and functions. An outside consultant will take the College through the FMP process. There is a lot of information that comes together. The FMP is an attempt to respond to the needs of academic community members. MCNAC should then read the draft and respond to it. All growth is set by the State, they set the academic plan and then set the facilities according to each academic plan.

Q: How much of the growth will happen in Silver Spring and when will Silver Spring be able to have more density?

Brad – I think you want more input about the strategic plan. Let me talk to the people in charge of strategic planning.

David C. – We are keeping some building and will be taking down other buildings along Fenton St.

5. Discussion of facilities Master Plan

Q: Are there still 100 on street parking spaces on the East side of campus?

David C.- We will look into that.

3 story set back - There is a strong possibility that the building will have two stories. MCNAC would like to see an early draft rather than a later one, and more discussion regarding massing, building heights and setbacks.

John McLean – There are constraints that we don't even know the impact of. The FMP sets out floor space and sizes needed by academic projects. Part of the hesitation is that until we get to the design stage it will be difficult to find solutions

Last time the system wasn't there and FMP draft was delayed before it went to the trustees so, there was no time to edit the document. Some concerns can be cited in the Master Plan. Others can go to the trustees prior to be finalized so everyone is aware these are issues to be solved at the building design stage.

Brad S – A set of general principals and ideas from the community as an input would be helpful to the campus in developing a FMP. This would be very useful. But, we must understand that if our mandate requires X feet for X biology students then we will have to meet that.

Student services building process input did result in a better building. Input in student services did come at good time but there were major changes. Note that some of the MC decisions were the result of considerable work on part of the City and tension between the College and the City.

Brad S. – A set of thoughts regarding what is most important from MCNAC would be helpful.

6. Next meeting dates

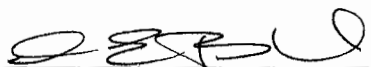
MCNAC: July 11th

Facility Master Plan: Thursday 27th of April at 4:30 (Jim Evans House)

6. Meeting Adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner

Approved



Richard Weil, Chair